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CALL FOR STRICTER DISCIPLINE
IN AGRICULTURE, PRODUCERS' COOPERATIVES

STRESSES NEED FOR STATE DISCIPLINE IN RURAL AREAS -- Budapest, Szabad Nep,
4 Nov 51

There is a need for greater state discipline in rural areas. Although more than 100,000 farmers have fulfilled grain surrender requirements by more than 200 percent, and the number of communities fulfilling their plan requirements is constantly increasing, there are persons who constantly try to undo the work of others. They answer appeals for production with complaints; they speculate with grain, meat, and fowl due to the state, and try to disrupt discipline in rural areas. Farmers of many villages may not sell their corn surplus because a few are lax in surrendering crops, retarding fulfillment of community requirements.

The chief weapons in the fight for an absolutely necessary state discipline are: a mass movement embracing an ever-increasing number of peasants, and consistent application of laws and state resolutions. Just as the law granting bonuses is applied, stringent measures also provided by law must be invoked against the minority which considers the law inapplicable in its case. A kulak of Homokmegy boasted of failing to fulfill his grain surrender requirement. He still has the grain, and has gone unpunished. The kulak talked other farmers out of fulfilling their requirements, also. All were subsequently penalized.

Local councils also err in application of laws, giving way to unpermissible laxity and opportunism. The president of the Bata local council issued market shipment permits to several farmers, even though the town plan had not been fulfilled, and open market sales not authorized. Such shipments were improperly authorized in Bekes and Heves counties, also. Instead of the shipments being confiscated, the farmers were given full credit for the shipments. Local council officials defend this practice by claiming that punishment of the peasants would prove detrimental to the peasant-worker union.

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ADVOCATES STRICTER DISCIPLINE IN PRODUCERS' COOPERATIVES -- Budapest, Szovetkezet,
10 Nov 51

According to the National Association of Producers' Cooperatives, many producers' cooperatives are guilty of breaches of work discipline, disregard their planned work schedules, hinder the systematic completion of plans, ignore important target dates, neglect to carry out instructions from supervisory agencies, and condone illegal labor migration. The managers of cooperatives often shut their eyes to breaches of work discipline and fail to take corrective measures, the National Association concludes.

In an effort to improve work discipline, the association has issued orders to the cooperatives to display their work schedules in places which are easily accessible to all members. Compliance with the work schedule is a matter of honor for both managers and workers of cooperatives. Employment and dismissal in the cooperatives must be governed by the provisions of the labor code. No one may be employed without a labor book, and graduates of cooperative schools cannot be dismissed without the approval of the National Association.

At the association's request, the Council of Ministers has issued a decree which provides that the disciplinary regulations of the association are valid for all cooperatives and their employees. The principal aims of these regulations are to strengthen discipline, to increase productivity, and to enforce individual and personal responsibility among the members of the cooperatives.

The association also directed the cooperatives to impose severe punishment on workers who violate discipline and to award special compensations to employees who conduct themselves properly.

REGULATES LUMBERING FOR CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY -- Budapest, Tervgazdasagi
Ertesito, 9 Oct 51

The president of the National Planning Office has regulated the lumbering operations necessitated by construction works. Prior to commencing lumbering not specified in the annual plans, permission of the president of the National Planning Office must be obtained.

Lumbering operations and marketing of lumber must be carried out in accordance with the directives of the Ministry of Agriculture, and only in state forests. If the National Planning Office specifies a nonstate-owned forest for lumbering, procedure for expropriation must be initiated.

Lumbering and marketing, carried out in accordance with the present decree shall be counted toward the plan quota of the state forests.

Violators of this decree shall be punished by a fine not to exceed 2,000 forints.

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